The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

June 2025

Section Links

If some links do not load, click on the last one that does,
scroll down and click on "View entire message,"
then "Back to Sections" at the bottom of the section above.

Seneschal's Sentiments
Herald's Call
Scribal Notes
Fighter Practice
Medieval Night
White Rose Inn
Call for Submissions
Volunteer Opportunities
Goings On
Upcoming Events
Populace Meetings
Kingdom Calendar
Court of Unser Hafen
Call for Letters
Quartermaster
Baronial Officers
Awards and Recognitions

Baronial Bite

Greetings dearest Unser Hafen,

We cannot begin to express the deep gratitude that we each feel for everyone who came together to make Our investiture so successful! If you worked at this event at all, know that your efforts were noticed and very much appreciated by the both of Us. We see your hard work and are humbled by your dedication to this wonderful place we call home.

THANK YOU to our beautiful, rambunctious, hard working, caring, musical, talented, determined, and endlessly wonderful barony of Unser Hafen!! We are proud to serve you as your Baronesses and will do everything we can to earn the trust you've placed in us!

There were a number of well deserved awards granted at Investiture. A huge congratulations to the following members of Our populace who were recognized by Their Royal Majesties:

Lord Osborn: AoA

Lord Gilbertus: AoA

Countess Rosalind: Stag and Chalice

Sir Tracker: Order of the Mark

Earl Mika: Order of the Mark

And further congratulations for those recognized by Our hands:

Master Andreas - Keeper of the Portcullis

THL Cecelia - Guardian of the Portcullis

Lord Gregor - Golden Ring

Another congratulations to the winner of the A&S competition and Our new A&S Champion: Lord Gilbertus!

Award recommendations:

With both Battlemoor and Coronation approaching, please consider bragging about your friends and submitting an award recommendation. Send your recommendations to baronage@unserhafen.org. We will happily take all recommendations, including ones for Kingdom recognition.

Please keep an eye on relevant social media for information regarding Battlemoor planning and soon to come Coronation volunteer opportunities.

You all spark the light within our Barony and we appreciate you so much!

In Love and Service,

Kitta and Safiyya, Baronesses

Back to Sections

Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

I write to you on a lovely, rainy evening, hoping a little water will help our Barony's gardens.

Let us all rejoice in the Investiture of Baroness Kitta and Baroness Safiyya!! We can look forward to beautiful times of new shenanigans.

Also at Investiture, our own Rand the Tracker and Mike Longbow, along with Callum of Skye, were offered admittance into the Order of the Mark as Premiers in the Outlands to this new peerage. Unser Hafen should be proud! Two of the first three! Vigils and elevations will take place as one at Battlemoor.

Our monthly meetings will continue to be virtual, as finding an appropriate and affordable meeting place has become daunting. However, we would like to find a way to meet in person once a quarter on a social level. This will be at some place to eat, drink and talk.

In July, Unser Hafen will be hosting the Summer Coronation. Mistress Kitta and Baroness Safiyya are going to be the Event Stewards. Planning is in progress, and the location will be at UNC Greeley. They will be posting information as it comes along. Please stay tuned!

Upcoming events in June and July that might interest Unser Hafen, include Sohn Des Turniere un Gurkenschulcht in Caer Galen, Fire on the Plains, Battlemoor and Coronation.

For more information on these or any other events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars. In addition, there is an Unser Hafen at Battlemoor Facebook page for more information regarding camping and other activities for the Barony.

Until we meet again, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

Back to Sections

Herald's Call

Greetings, Unser Hafen!

If anyone is interested in learning a bit more about heraldry or scribal, Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium (KWHSS) is virtual this year! It's coming up very soon: the second weekend in June (13th-15th). More details can be found at the event website: https://sites.google.com/view/kwhss2025/home. Attendance is free (it's being held on Zoom and Discord) but pre-registration is required to make sure they can accommodate everyone and don't exceed their Zoom license. Pre-register here: https://sites.google.com/view/kwhss2025/pre-registration. Normally the summer KWHSS is in person (there's an additional one in January that's virtual) but for reasons I'm not fully cognizant of the summer one is virtual this year too!

The best part of virtual KWKSS is that classes are close to 24 hours/day (between Locac, the North American Kingdoms, and Drachenwald we've got basically the whole world's time zones covered) and there's always a social room to hang out and chat in!

There will be classes on all manner of heraldic and scribal subjects. The last time I attended a vKWHSS, I took classes on Nahuatl (Aztec) names, durothemic (two-part) English place-names, how to document rare or unusual heraldic charges, using Inkscape for heraldry, conflict-checking with the complex search form, and lots of other things! I only took heraldry classes, but there's also a full scribal track as well. There's also always a Laurel Roadshow, where Laurel, Wreath, and Pelican Sovereigns

If you're free any part of the weekend of June 13th-15th, I highly encourage y'all to pop in to check it out!

I hope everyone had a lovely time at Investiture! Please feel free to reach out to myself and Hilarion with any questions you have about heraldic topics!

-- Andreas, Barbican (Acting)

Back to Sections

Scribal Notes

June's **Scribal Night Social** will be on the third Monday, June 16th. Bring projects, questions and general enthusiasm to share! We will soon be offering classes by Mistress Anne Elizabeth Morley, more details to come.

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

Back to Sections

Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Dwayne Webster Veterans Park
400-422 W Eisenhower Blvd,
Loveland CO 80537

Map

Back to Sections

Medieval Night

Locust Cidery

First Monday of every month,
6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

Back to Sections

White Rose Inn

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. We are branching out a little this year from food. We may have bardic, crafts, or other topics. See the list below.
No SCA garb is required (unless noted. See June), and you are welcome to bring along food if you don't have time for dinner. We usually have snacks to share.
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley..

Wednesday June 11, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland Map
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Cooking while camping. Garb is required. Strawberries may be involved.

Back to Sections

Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (except February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

Back to Sections

SCA Video Conversations

Greetings from Lady Valerie from Unser Hafen! I have a personal request. Would anyone like to have a video conversation with me about your SCA journey and learning endeavors? These would just be an easier, quieter way to get to know other gentles in the Barony. I can't always make it to the events and it would be nice to meet other gentles who I haven't met before. Or have a more in depth conversation with you.

They can be recorded or not recorded, per your preference. Thinking about 45

obligations.

I enjoy learning and would like to talk with other learners. If you are interested, please send me an email at val@valerieflynn.com with the Subject "SCA Video Conversations". Looking forward to talking with you soon!

Back to Sections

Media Team Voices in the Box Project

We'd like to thank Lady Laurel for all her hard work behind the scenes for building our beautiful new website! And all the dedicated webminsters and chroniclers before us who served throughout the years.

If you have bookmarks to the old Wix website, please go to https://unserhafen.outlands.org/ and create new bookmarks for your favorite pages.

If you have questions on where something got moved to, please send me an email at webminister@unserhafen.org .

With the fresh new website, we'd like to introduce a new endeavor of the Media Team, The Voices in the Box project!

What is it? How can you add your voice?

Voices in the Box is a way for gentles to add their story to the online space, whether it be the history of the barony, a bardic contribution or sharing about what you're learning in A&S.

We can record one person a month using our alchemy powers of the aether. Sorry, no editing on this stage is available. Our magic only can do so much. Editing might be available in the future.

If your video wizardry powers are mightier than ours, you're welcome to record and edit your own video to send to the Social Media Officer to post on our YouTube channel and we'll post it on the website too.

Please remember we can't post your video without a media release form. Details will be on the website. And make sure your materials don't violate copyright laws.

journeys.

This is where we put the spotlight on you, our marvelous gentles!

Please reach out to us if you have something to share. Whether it be our barony's history, a bardic delight or a helpful thing you learned about. Even a personal story about getting involved in one of the Barony's activities.

Looking forward to hearing your Voices in the Box!

Yours in service,

Lady Valerie and the Media Team

Back to Sections

Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

Back to Sections

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing! Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

Archery Practice
Outdoor Archery practice will start Saturday, April 5th. Time is from 10 am until noon. Our outdoor location is the Windsor Archery Range at HWY 257 & Poudre Trail Road. (Use “Poudre Trail Road and Colorado 257” in your mapping application.)

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Barbican Office Hours
When: The third Thursday of May, the 15th.
Where: Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 815 14th St SW B100, Loveland, CO 80537

What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Craft Day at Aslief's
Every first Saturday, April through October.
10 am to 6 pm.
1601 Turkey Walk Trail
Loveland, CO 80537
See website for more information and maps.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Going on in Sterling

Medieval Night
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice
First Sunday of the month, noon to 4 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

these and more are fair game, come on by!

directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

Back to Sections

Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

Back to Sections

Upcoming Events

Sohn Des Turniere um Gurkenschulcht

(Son of the Tournaments at Pickle Gulch)
May 30 @ 4:00 pm – June 1 @ 6:00 pm
Pickle Gulch Campground -
Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests
Pawnee National Grasslands
Event Site

Fire on the Plains

Outdoor Arts & Sciences Event
June 6 @ 12 noon - June 8 @ 5 pm
Antelope Run
36725 Fiddleback Ranch Circle,
Kiowa, CO 80117
Event Site

Battlemoor

Sporleder Centennial Ranch
19530 County Road 542
Aguilar, CO 81020
Event Site

Summer Coronation

July 19th & 20th

Coronation Ceremony
Saturday July 19th 2025, 8am-9pm
UNC University Center BallRoom
2101 10th Ave Rm 201
Greeley, CO 80619

Queen's Tournaments
Sunday July 20th 2025, 9:30am-6pm
UNC Garden Theater / Gunter Hall
1820 10th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631
https://g.co/kgs/VL4J2cQ

Activity Schedule is pending further discussion with Outlands' Royals but please look forward to:

- Dancing
- Games
- Bardic
- A&S displays and/or demos
- Merchants
- Tournaments

Please keep an eye out for details on social media and unserhafen.outlands.org

Event Stewards
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir – mistresskitta@gmail.com
Mistress Safiyya bint Faris al-Dani – baroness.safiyya@unserhafen.org

Event Site

Dragon's Fount of Knowledge

August 9 @ 11 am – 5 pm
Pikes Peak Library District East Library,
5550 N Union Blvd.,
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Dragon's Fount of Knowledge is event that consists of purely classes with the topics ranging across all of what we do in and for the game. These will range from A&S classes, to martial classes, to even the various forms of service that can be provided. What classes that will be taught will be entirely based on what the teachers themselves desire, and are comfortable and confident enough to teach. The teachers themselves will consist of whoever is willing to teach, regardless of awards, titles, or positions.

Site Fee: Free, but donations are accepted!
Event Site

Back to Sections

Populace Meeting

Virtual Populace Meeting

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

Back to Sections

Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

baroness@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Master Don Andreas von Meißen
Defender - Lord Primus
Protector - Master Soren Thorvaldsson
Warden - Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lord Gilbertus
Pencerdd Bard - Viðbjǫrn Orðlokarrto
Heads of Household - THL Cecilia Caterina de Firenze and Lord Eilifr Breiðskeggr

Back to Sections

Call for Letters of Intent

Officers & Deputies

Quartermaster

Call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Quartermaster, who maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baronesses Kitta and Safiyya, via baroness@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

Back to Sections

Baronial Officers

Seneschal:
President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Treasurer
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
exchequer@unserhafen.org

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:
Assists members with names and devices
Don Andreas von Meißen
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)
[Kurios (Lord) Hilarion Angelos Akropolities]
herald@unserhafen.org

Scribe:
Creates award scrolls
Lady Regalis dei Falchi
[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
scribe@unserhafen.o

Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Development of Arts and Sciences

Knight Marshal:
Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson
knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator
Earl Mika Longbow
aarchery@unserhafen.org

Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Gilbertus de Messina

Chronicler:
Creates this newsletter
Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
chronicler@unserhafen.org

Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

Back to Sections

Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards is available here.

Back to Sections

Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:

Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

This is the June 2025 issue of The Gatekeeper, a publication of the Barony of Unser Hafen of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Gatekeeper is available in print format, at cost, from Jeanne Metheny, 631 N 3rd St, Apt 5, Sterling, CO 80751. Email address: chronicler@unserhafen.org. The Gatekeeper is not a corporate publication of SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA, Inc. policies. *Copyright © 2025 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting photographs, articles, or artwork from this publication, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.*

Copyright © 2025 Barony of Unser Hafen, Society for Creative Anachronism, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.

INTUIT mailchimp